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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SCUL, PFOR, SY, US, IK

SUBJECT: SIGNING OF CULTURAL AGREEMENT

1. AS A SIGNAL OF U.S. INTEREST IN BROADENING RELATIONS  
WITH SYRIA, CU DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY CHAPMAN WOULD BE  
WILLING TO GO TO DAMASCUS AT SOME POINT IN THE MAY 19-22  
PERIOD TO ATTEND SIGNING OF CULTURAL AGREEMENT. SIMUL-  
TANEOUSLY, CU ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUFFEY WOULD CALL ON  
SYRIAN AMBASSADOR HERE TO MARK OCCASION AND DISCUSS FUTURE  
PROGRAMS.

2. STRICTLY FYI. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT A HIGH DEPARTMENT  
OFFICIAL WILL VISIT BAGHDAD WEEK OF 15TH IN EFFORT TO  
IMPROVE U.S.-IRAQI RELATIONS. WHILE WE HAVE ALREADY IN-  
FORMED KHADDAM OF OUR GENERAL INTEREST IN IMPROVING  
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RELATIONS WITH IRAQ, AND WOULD KEEP SYRIANS INFORMED OF ANY  
SPECIFIC GESTURES OR VISITS, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO TAKE  
OUT SOME ADDED INSURANCE IN THE FORM OF SENDING A SENIOR  
DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TO DAMASCUS AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.  
IN THIS CONTEXT PLEASE SEND YOUR VIEWS SOONEST ON CHAPMAN  
VISIT AND DESIRABILITY OF POSTPONING SIGNING CEREMONY TO  
MAY 19-22 PERIOD. CHRISTOPHER

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